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Filthy-Film Haul Fills 3 Wagons

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Police said they broke up a \$40,000-a-week pornographic movie operation yesterday in lower Manhattan with the arrest of two men and the seizure of enough lewd films to fill three paddy wagons.

Detective Sgt. Harvey Gunson of the commissioner's confidential unit led the raid on the second-floor office of Tribune Photos at 1170 Broadway, near 28th St., at 12:30 P.M. He used a pass word and then asked to be let in, he said.

Once inside the huge one-room

office, Gunson identified himself and arrested Joseph D. DeLeonardo, 38, a drummer, of 32 Roberts St., Paterson, N.J., and Salvatore Pisciotta, 46, an unemployed mechanic, of 922 42d St., Brooklyn.

"This was a first class opera-

tion with eight millimeter color and black and white films equipped with sound," Gunson said. More than 900 films which sold for \$20 a reel were confiscated, he said.

"2,000 Reels a Week"

Shortly before the raid a shipment of 1,000 reels had been made according to information sheets found on the scene, police said. They estimate that about 2,000 reels were shipped out each week.

As police were loading the reels and \$15,000 worth of photographic equipment into the vans, Police Commissioner Howard R. Leary and Chief Inspector Sanford D. Garelik arrived on the scene to congratulate the men on "a fine job." Leary and Garelik had been on their way back to headquarters after attending police promotion ceremonies.